



Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada

Immigration, Réfugiés et Citoyenneté Canada

Associate Assistant Deputy Minister
Strategic and Program Policy

Sous-ministre adjoint délégué
Secteur des Politiques stratégiques et des programmes

Ottawa K1A 1L1

s.13(1)(a)

s.15(1)(i)ii

s.16(1)(c)

s.21(1)(a)

s.21(1)(b)

s.69(1)(g) re (a)

F-1150450

SECRET

MEMORANDUM TO THE DEPUTY MINISTER

ELECTRONIC TRAVEL AUTHORIZATIONS

FOR INFORMATION

SUMMARY

- This memorandum contains the analysis of results after one year – .

- .
.
.
.

- Overall, this :

- Although this

therefore Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada (IRCC)

and

-

BACKGROUND:

- Canada lifted the visa requirements for
respectively.

nationals in 2016 and 2017,

Canada

s.13(1)(a)

s.15(1)(i)ii)

s.16(1)(c)

s.21(1)(a)

s.69(1)(g) re (a)

- 2 -

SECRET

s.21(1)(b)

•

•

•

CURRENT STATUS:

•

- In the first year, IRCC officers manually reviewed an additional 19,920 eTA applications (or 8% of all applications received from these populations in this timeframe) (

- Nevertheless, IRCC officers were able to

•

SECRET

- It is likely that some applicants who were refused eTAs although a figure cannot be quantified. However, any was overshadowed by broader trends.

- A detailed report on the is enclosed (see Annex).

COMMUNICATIONS IMPLICATIONS:

- While this briefing is for internal use only, and therefore no communications support is required.

NEXT STEPS:

- The Department will continue monitoring and reporting on the results of

•

•

Natasha Kim

Annex: Status Report on

eTA Applications

s.13(1)(a)
s.15(1)(i)i)
s.16(1)(c)
s.21(1)(a)
s.21(1)(b)
s.69(1)(g) re (a)

SECRET

eTA Applications:

Report

Background

s.13(1)(a)
s.15(1)(i)ii
s.16(1)(c)
s.21(1)(a)
s.21(1)(b)

s.69(1)(g) re (a)

SECRET

The scope of this report will focus on highlighting the trends and results :
report does not speak to the current state of the

As such, this

Predicting Results

Before implementing this measure, analysis was undertaken to estimate its potential benefits. To develop projections, IRCC relied on three main sources of data:

Pages 6 to / à 7
are withheld pursuant to sections
sont retenues en vertu des articles

s.13(1)(a), s.15(1)(i), s.16(1)(c), s.21(1)(a), s.21(1)(b)

of the Access to Information Act
de la Loi sur l'accès à l'information

Page 6

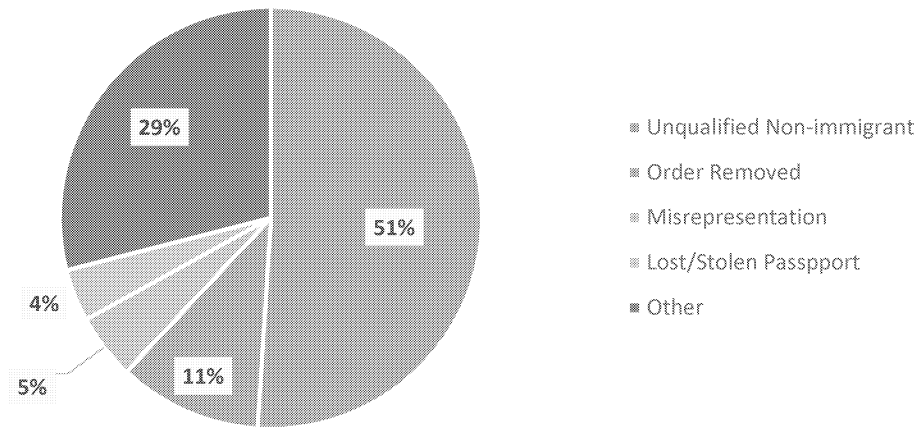
**is withheld pursuant to sections
est retenue en vertu des articles**

69(1)(g) re (a)

**of the Access to Information Act
de la Loi sur l'accès à l'information**

SECRET

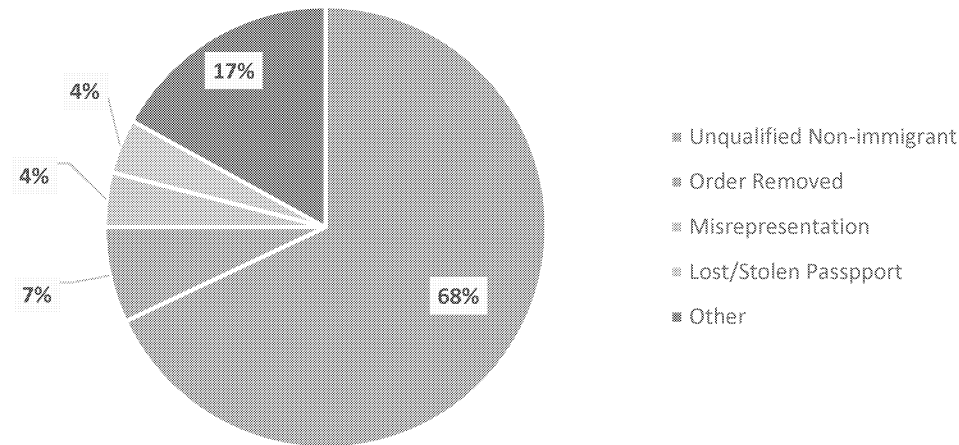
s.13(1)(a)
s.15(1)(i)i)
s.16(1)(c)
s.21(1)(a)
s.21(1)(b)



b)

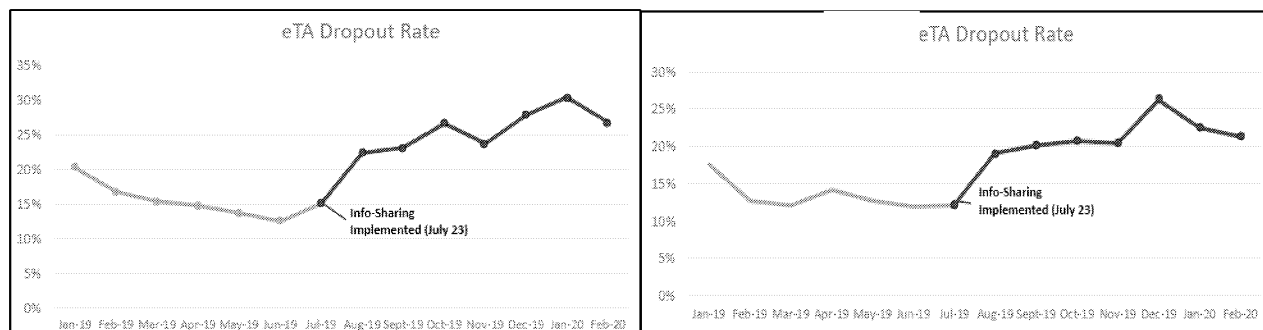
SECRET

s.13(1)(a)
 s.15(1)(i)i)
 s.16(1)(c)
 s.21(1)(a)
 s.21(1)(b)



Evaluation

i) eTA Processing and Refusals



s.13(1)(a)

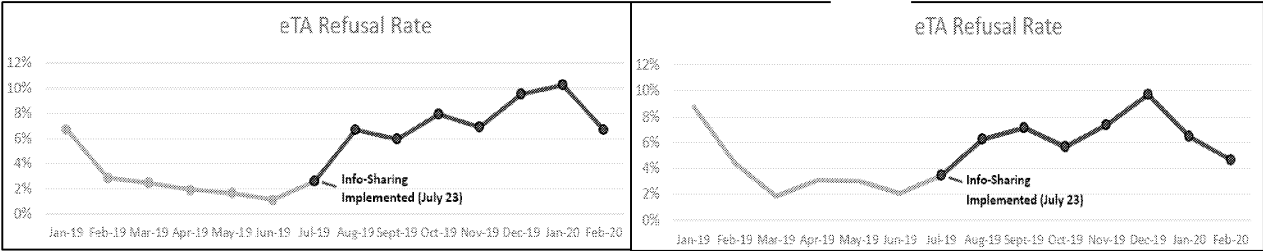
s.15(1)(i)i)

s.16(1)(c)

s.21(1)(a)

s.21(1)(b)

SECRET



ii) Immigration Violations

Page 11

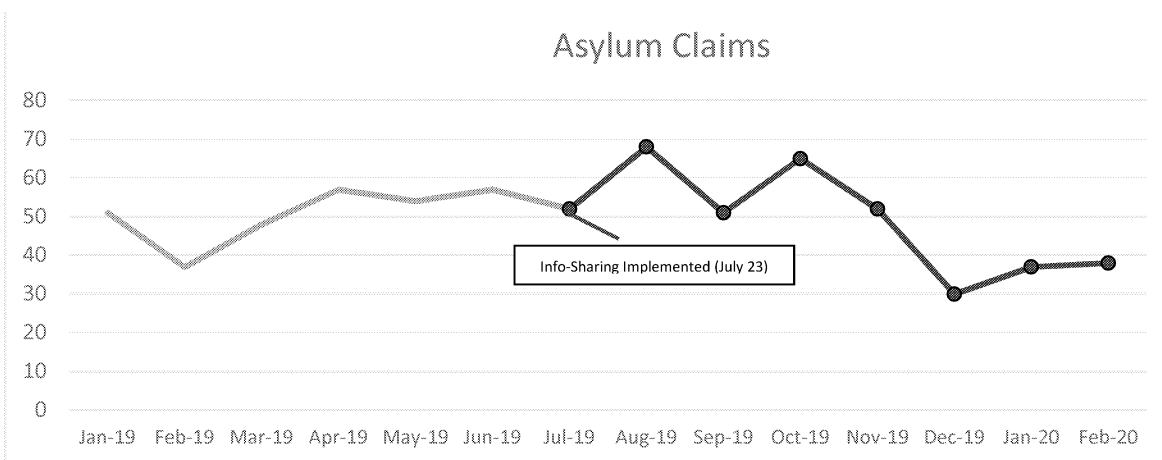
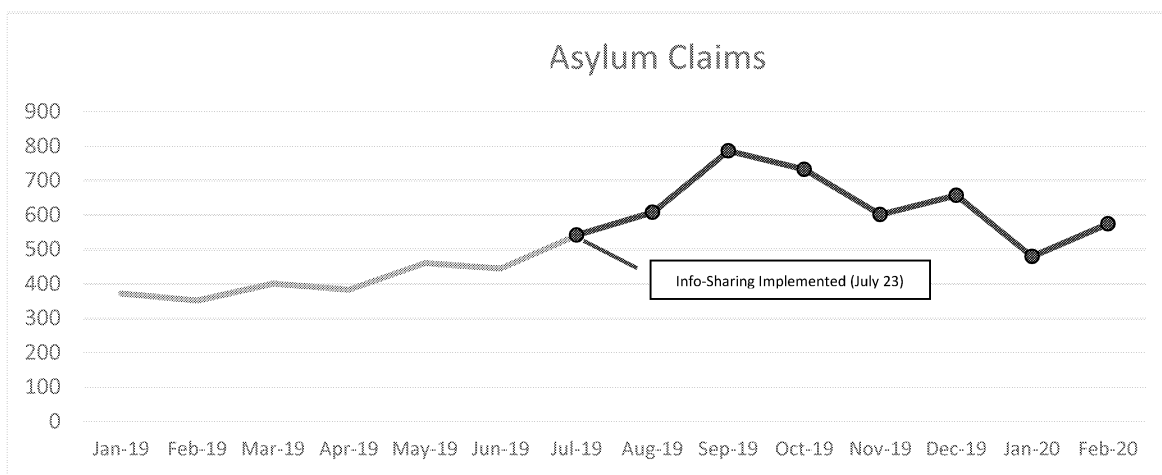
**is withheld pursuant to sections
est retenue en vertu des articles**

16(1)(c), 13(1)(a), 15(1)(i)i, 21(1)(a), 21(1)(b)

**of the Access to Information Act
de la Loi sur l'accès à l'information**

SECRET

s.21(1)(b)



SECRET

s.13(1)(a)

s.15(1)(i)ii

s.16(1)(c)

s.21(1)(a)

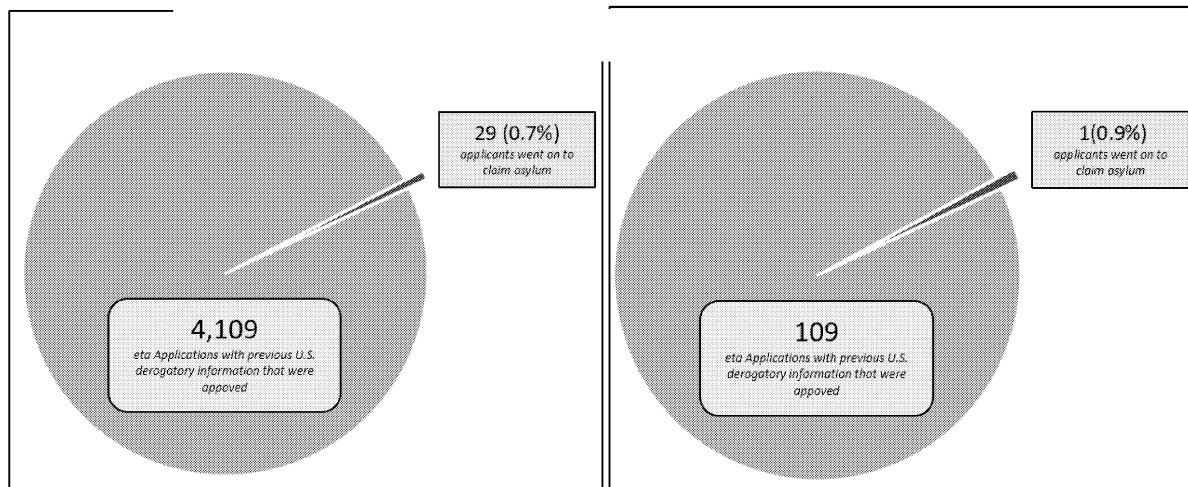
s.21(1)(b)

On a positive note, it appears IRCC officers have been able to accurately assess the risk of applicants

In the first year of this measure, IRCC officers went on to approve 4,218 eTA applications from nationals with

However, it is worth noting that an eTA remains valid for five years, permits multiple entries, and allows a visitor to stay in Canada for up to six-months at a time. As such, it is possible that a portion of the eTA applications that were approved

have either not yet travelled to Canada, or have arrived in Canada but have not yet



Revisiting Original Projections

s.13(1)(a)
s.15(1)(i)ii
s.16(1)(c)
s.21(1)(a)
s.21(1)(l)

SECRET

There are several possible reasons for this :

It is also possible that the nature of travellers from these countries has evolved

It is important to note that the eTA is designed to serve as a “light touch” screening measure for low-risk travellers. Unlike the visa application process, which requires more information from the applicant and allows for more scrutiny in the assessment stage, the eTA application process requires The majority of the global eTA population (85%) is automatically approved by the program.

Page 15

**is withheld pursuant to sections
est retenue en vertu des articles**

69(1)(g) re (a)

**of the Access to Information Act
de la Loi sur l'accès à l'information**